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In re Patent Application of	)	Mailstop RCE
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Hermann P.T. AMMON et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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Application No.: 09/011,977	)	Examiner: Howard V. Owens
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Filed: June 15, 1998	)	Confirmation No.: 1580
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For: USE OF BOSWELLIC ACID AND	)	
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**REPLY & AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 31, 2002, and the  
Advisory Action mailed June 11, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim ~~17~~, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter  
contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

10. (Five Times Amended) A method for combating diseases selected from the

group consisting of pulmonary emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock